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ANDOVER
JAN 16

If the above mentioned person is gone the P. M. is requested to forward this immediately to ~~Brunswick~~, Maine.

E. Windsor
Windsor Conn

I visited Farmington last week. There I found that he had wholly lost the confidence of all that he ever confided in.- I was informed that no one would trust him, and that his word run quite low.— He has left boarding at your house for the present.— expects, or rather said he would pay his board bill this week, Wednesday.— I was at your house when your last letter arrived which gave information respecting your leaving Andover for Brunswick.— Your Mother thought there was no necessity for your leaving as she could manage to get along I think however it will be quite as well for you if you are suited with it to assist yourself.— Every circumstance seems to be working in your favour,— If you go to Brunswick you will I conclude be a little nigher to Vermont, and if you had not went to Andover you would not very likely have heard any thing about Vermont at present.— But never mind if the right one is in Vermont or Peru or Novazembles or in ever so distant a place I trust she will in due time be disclosed to you. In the mean time I trust you will give yourself no uneasiness about that.—

Your Lintown Friends are all well— and to answer your respecting their taking a dose of opium, it has to an alarming degree been the case.— But I would hope that they are about to awake from this lethargic state.— I think that an increased manifestation to attend upon divine ordinances is visible and Christians in a small degree seem to be "coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty" But still there seems to be an Achan in the camp. Oh that the Lord would expose the hideous monster to view.— Pray for us

I direct this to Andover and then to Brunswick that you may be sure of getting it— my best wishes attend you— if you think me worthy please to continue our correspondence Yours in haste, P. Bodwell

I would now remark that when Mary first came to the knowledge of these facts it was like a shock of electricity By this I found that her affections were very much fixed and that it would be very trying to break off. — She does not feel willing that her Mother should come to the knowledge of his character and as long as this is the case it is extremely difficult, to talk with her or give her any advice on the subject

But notwithstanding her backwardness to confide in her mother and to consult with her on the subject yet her mother is not totally ignorant of what is going on, nor is she less anxious to know the result. — I have seen enough to teach me that her anxiety is great. — What will be the issue fate alone must determine. — I now feel that if Mary persists and marries Ennis and after all is made wretched it will not be any fault of her Friend's. — but her own. — We have said and done what we could and must leave the event in the hands of God. — What a person we have here for contemplation! — How odious! and at the same time how awfully aggravated must be his final condemnation! if he persists in his career of wickedness. — In answering your question I am prepared to say that such a man cannot make Mary happy.

But as yet there is a gleam of hope that he may turn from his evil practices and live. — That same almighty power that turned a persecuting Saul, may meet him in the way and make him a like trophy of victorious grace. — Oh that this may be the case — Most gladly would I give him the right hand of fellowship to walk in the King's high-way to happiness. The greatness of the change must indeed appear glorious For this let us earnestly beseech a merciful God. —

Pinsbury Jan 7th 1827

Dear Cousin A.

I am happy at this time to acknowledge the receipt of your kind epistle which came safe to hand in due time. I have defered an answer to this late period in hopes to have something favorable to write. Favorable I mean on Mary's account. I have after due deliberation done as you requested as far as I thought judicious.— But as yet I look upon the point as a very critical one indeed. The subject has been carried to such a degree that I find it very trying to let Mary know the whole. I have therefore concluded not to reveal the whole of his character fearing what the result might be. Previous to my receiving your letter I had received some hints of the facts therein contained.— I had accordingly told Mary some part which I supposed to be positively true.— The way being thus prepared I went to her and related the substance of what you had written.— at the same time enjoining upon her not to reveal one word of it or where it came from.— I thought it not best to let her see the letter as she might some time tell Ennis, as he still continues his visits and still persists in his assertion of his determination of marrying her.— She informed me that he did not calculate to marry till Spring. She remarked that she knew not what to do— her case was fearfully dubious and could not come to any decision what course was best for her to pursue.— I remarked that I could not tell her nor any one else but that she must take her own way.— that I had ever been as faithful to her as I could have been had she been my own sister.—